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RE: Environmental Health Laboratory schedule week of March 26-30, 2018

To our valued clients:

Alaska state offices will be **closed on Monday, March 26th** in observance of Seward's Day.

As a result, the sample acceptance schedule for that week must be modified, as follows:

- Shellfish Growing Water (SGW) samples will be accepted on Tuesday Mar. 27, Wednesday Mar. 28, and by noon on Thursday Mar. 29.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) commercial samples will be accepted Tuesday Mar. 27, Wednesday Mar. 28, Thursday Mar. 29, and by noon on Friday Mar. 30.
- Slaughter samples (meat and sponge) will be accepted Tuesday Mar. 27, Wednesday Mar. 28, and by noon on Thursday Mar. 29, however samples are pooled for efficiency, generally once a week.
- Manufactured and Cottage food samples will be accepted Tuesday Mar. 27 – Friday Mar. 30, however the testing will be conducted when samples are pooled for efficiency.
- Dairy testing is scheduled once a month, as usual, and is already scheduled for week of Mar. 12th.
- Paralytic Shellfish Toxin (PST) recreational/research testing is scheduled once a month, and is already scheduled for week of Mar. 12th.

Normal sample acceptance schedules resume on Monday April 2, 2018.

Assistance is available with timing of samples collections, completion of submission forms, packaging, temperature requirements, shipping, and sample tracking. Sampling questions, planned sampling activities, and shipping notifications, can be made to DEC.EH-Lab-ShippingReceiving@alaska.gov or 907-375-8231.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patryce D. McKinney".

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